

styled Palace. The Queen of Sheba was nice if she was naughty, and this degree may be very interesting, as claimed, but cannot be popular in this State."

BROTHER MACKAY is severe on Bro. Hyneman in the last number of the *Voice of Masonry*, accusing him of falsehood and branding him as a slanderer. The cause of the offence is the assertion by Bro. Hyneman, in the *Jewish Record*, that Bro. Mackey is a "great corruptor, inventor and interpolater of mythic fables, false narrations of history, inventions of imaginary traditions, mythical and legendary tales, in the ritual and teachings of Masonry." Harsh as the language of Bro. Mackey is, he may well be excused for getting angry. It is really a pity that Masonic writers cannot agree to differ without calling each other hard names. The *Voice of Masonry* and *Keystone* are now both down upon Bro. Hyneman.

BRO. HUGHAN, of England, has undertaken a reply to Bro. Hyneman, with reference to the doubts expressed by the latter on the subject of the first Grand Lodge. Having called for "contemporary proof" of the establishment of the premier Grand Lodge in 1717, Bro. Hyneman answers by saying that he fails to see why that which was written six years subsequent to that period should be considered untrue, as Bro. Hyneman alleges.

MASONIC RECORD.

ABROAD.

DURING the past winter the Lodge *Thémis*, at the town of Caen, in France, made a distribution of soup from the kitchen attached to its place of meeting, under the supervision of several of the Brethren. Each member of the Lodge received six tickets for distribution. The holder of one of these was entitled to receive a pint of nourishing and palatable soup, every day for six months. This relief to the suffering poor, which is a custom with the Lodge, costs it annually from six to eight thousand francs—twelve to sixteen hundred dollars. The same Lodge gives, every year, a theatrical representation for the benefit of the poor of the town, which is always very successful.

WE note, in the *Ayr Advertiser* of June 10th, ult., the death of a faithful and honored Scottish Freemason—Bro. Andrew Glass. For thirty-five years Bro. Glass was actively engaged with the fraternity in Ayrshire, having been W. M. of two Lodges at one and the same time—Lodge Ayr, and Lodge Renfre-Militia St. Paul; and of the last named Lodge he was W. M. for seventeen consecutive years—the highest possible tribute to his ability and zeal as a Craftsman. He was also First Principal of Ayr R. A. Chapter, and Em. Com. of the Ayr Encampment of the Knights Templars. Outside of the Fraternity he was widely known and respected, as the host, for twenty years, of the Tam O'Shanter Inn. We may add to this mention of him, derived from the *Ayr Advertiser*, a fact fraternally communicated to us by letter, by Bro. D. M. Donald, Superintendent of Police, Ayr, Scotland, and which will interest not a few of our readers. It was Bro. Glass who conferred all three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry upon Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, the eminent Masonic Historian of Scotland. We learn that Bro. Glass always referred to this with pride, because no other of his Masonic sons ever reached so honorable a position in the Craft as Bro. Lyon.—*Keystone*.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE Masonic celebration at Memphis, Tenn., on the 24th of June, was the largest ever witnessed in that city. The orator of the day was Bro. N. P. Banks, perhaps better known as General N. P. Banks, from Massachusetts.

A MASONIC Lodge in any community, if the Fraternity be true to its code of morals, and perform with fidelity the moral duties, as enjoined in the Lodge, can not fail to prove a blessing to that community.

AN exchange says: "Masonry is the popular excitement now-a-days in England. Many Lodges have been obliged to raise the price of admission to keep people out."

BRO. WILLIAM A. HENTZ, of Philadelphia, distributed several thousand loaves of bread among the needy of that city on the fourth of July, which was certainly better than squandering a like amount of money in gunpowder and noise, as many do.